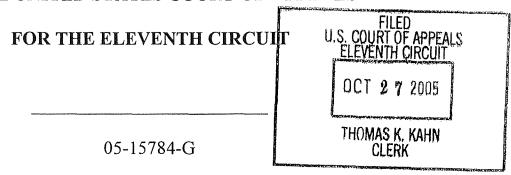
IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS



COMMON CAUSE/GEORGIA, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GEORGIA, INC., ET AL.,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

versus

HON. CATHY COX, Individually and in her official capacity as Secretary of State of Georgia and Chair of the Georgia Elections Board, STATE ELECTION BOARD,

Defendants-Appellants.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

BEFORE: BIRCH, DUBINA, and HULL Circuit Judges.

BY THE COURT:

Appellants' motion for expedited treatment of their motion for stay pending appeal is GRANTED.

Appellants' motion to stay the preliminary injunction entered by the district court pending disposition of this appeal is DENIED.

Appellants' motion to expedite consideration and disposition of this appeal is GRANTED. The district court clerk shall expedite the preparation of the record so that the record will be available to the parties in the district court as they prepare their briefs with accurate record cites. Appellants' brief shall be due on December 5, 2005. Appellees' brief shall be due on January 9, 2006. Appellants' reply brief, if any, shall be due on January 23, 2006. All briefs are to be physically received in the Clerk's Office on the date due, and hand-delivered to opposing counsel on the due date.

Appellees are directed to notify the district court when their brief is filed, and the district court clerk is directed to transmit the record to this Court immediately upon receipt of such notice. Upon the completion of briefing, the Clerk is directed to expedite oral argument and to schedule this appeal for the next available oral argument calendar.